

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

FOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL (SFM)

REGARDING THE 2003 UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 4

REGARDING OCCUPANCIES REGULATED BY SFM

The Administrative Procedure Act requires that every agency shall maintain a file of each rulemaking that shall be deemed to be the record for that rulemaking proceeding. The rulemaking file shall include a final statement of reasons. The Final Statement of Reasons shall be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following are the reasons for proposing this particular rulemaking action:

UPDATES TO THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS:

SFM finds that no revisions have been made which would necessitate a change to the initial statement of reasons for adoption of the 2003 Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC) with existing amendments from the 2001 California Mechanical Code and new amendments as follows:

- Adopt Section 114.1.1 for permit issuance
- Amend Section 217, Group E Occupancies to except residential home schools and add daycare use to Group E, Division 3
- Amend various electrical and fire code references to specify California codes, and make reference to NFPA 72 for smoke detectors in automatic shutoffs in Section 609
- Correlate provisions for grease duct enclosures in Section 510.7.1 with the California Building Code
- Update NFPA references for automatic fire extinguishing systems in Section 513.2.2.1
- Not adopt provisions for portable fire extinguishers covered in Title 19
- Bring forward from the 2000 UMC provisions for access to specific equipment left out of the 2003 UMC.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SFM has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

OBJECTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION(S).

SFM did not receive any objections or recommendations regarding the proposed regulations.

DETERMINATION OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND EFFECT ON PRIVATE PERSONS

SFM has determined that no alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation.

REJECTED PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD LESSEN THE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES:

There were no proposed alternatives. SFM has determined that the proposed regulations will have no adverse impact on small businesses.

COMMENTS MADE BY THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE

SFM received no comments from this office.

COMMENTS MADE BY THE TRADE AND COMMERCE AGENCY

SFM received no comments from this agency.